

Wildfire News Release

Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center

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PELICAN POINT FIRE CLOSER TO CONTAINMENT STATE ROUTE 68 REOPENS FOR THRU-TRAFFIC

Saturday, August 27, 2005 ... Salt Lake City ... Fire crews have continued to make good progress on the Pelican Point Fire, containing 80 percent of the 2,574-acre fire as of Friday evening. The Utah County Sheriff has reopened State Route 68 to thru-traffic. The fire area continues to be restricted from public access to avoid any conflicts with the fire suppression operation. The Pelican Point Fire is located west of SR 68 and Utah Lake on Lake Mountain.

The fire suppression operation continues to be an interagency effort with resources from State of Utah, Utah County, City fire departments, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. The Utah County Sheriff's Office has been critical to protecting public safety in this busy residential, commercial and recreation area. Currently, there are 245 personnel assigned to the incident which includes: 9 handcrews, 11 engines and 2 helicopters in addition to support personnel.

The Pelican Point Fire continues to be under investigation. Fire restrictions are still in effect on State, BLM, and private unincorporated lands for areas west of I-15 in northern Utah. Information about fire restrictions here or in other parts of the state can be found at www.utahfireinfo.gov. Fire officials are encouraging everyone to take special precautions this time of year to prevent wildfires. Simple measures such as taking extra water, a fire extinguisher (rated ABC), and a shovel can make the difference in preventing a small ignition from spreading. The dry grass and brush is extremely flammable and fire will spread quickly out of control if proper precautions are not taken to avoid high-risk activities.

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